

REMARKS

After careful consideration of the outstanding Office Action, this application has been amended accordingly, and favorable consideration of the amended claims and the formal allowance of the application would be most appreciated.

The undersigned has made the changes to the claims suggested by the Examiner in the first paragraph, subparagraphs numbered 1), 2), 6) and 7). These changes clarify claim 1, 4, 14 and 18.

With respect to suggestion 4), "the beam path" appearing in claim 8, line 2 has been changed to – a beam path –. The latter change is believed more appropriate.

As to suggestion 5), claim 10 has been redrafted to bring the same into complete compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, which may not necessarily have been accomplished by inserting a comma (,) as suggested by the Examiner. However, as now amended, the content of claim 10 remains unchanged, but the claim is believed to be in better form and in full compliance Section 112.

The Examiner is, of course, thanked for suggestions appearing in the Office Action, page 2, under the caption "Detailed Office Action."

The indicated allowable subject matter is also appreciated and inasmuch as the claims are now in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, the formal allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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